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Applicant: Michael COLLASIUS et al      Conf. No.: 1409  
Appl. No.: 09/963,602      Group: 1723  
Filed: September 27, 2001      Examiner: D. REIFSNYDER  
For: DEVICE FOR SELECTIVELY FILTERING UNDER REDUCED  
PRESSURE AND FOR VACUUM DRYING SAMPLE LIQUIDS OR  
DROPS OF SAMPLE LIQUIDS AS WELL AS USE OF SAID  
DEVICE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.312 AND COMMENTS ON  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

June 17, 2004

**MS ISSUE FEE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 26, 2004, which was a Notice of Allowance and a Notice of Allowability, the following amendments and comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.